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1. Between 31 March and 12 April 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
31 March	42	Textiles *
	38	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	RR ties
	37	RR tracks and beams
	42	German automobiles, new
	34	Large iron plates and iron parts
	30	Lumber
	20	Military personnel, approx. 1,000
	30	Paper *
	41	Soap products *
1 April	38	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	RR tracks
	30	RR cars, new, loaded
	40	Iron frames and iron parts
	42	Small machines, crated, and cable drums
	44	Large iron masts and iron frames
	40	Cellulose *
	79	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	Sugar, and other unspecified goods
	37	RR tank cars, guarded
2 April	40	Small agricultural machines and equipment
	37	Iron masts and iron beams
	20	Military transport, approx. 1300 men
	37	Glassware *
	40	Canned food *
	39	Iron beams and iron masts
	42	Machine parts, crated
	78	RR tracks
	40	RR tank cars, guarded
	37	German automobiles, Textiles *
3 April	40	Sugar *
	42	RR ties and masts
	38	Machines, crated
	37	
	40	
4 April		

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Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
4 April	42	Lumber
	37	German automobiles, new
	40	Steel plates, and iron frames
5 April	37	Soap products, candles *
	42	Dehydrated vegetables, canned food *
	37	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	RR cars, new, loaded
	40	Iron tracks and beams
	42	Large iron frames and casts
	40	Small agricultural machines, crated
6 April	28	Military personnel, approx. 1100
	30	Sugar *
	74	Unspecified (closed cars)
	37	RR tracks
	41	Iron casts and iron beams
7 April	44	Lumber
	38	Soap products *
	41	Dehydrated vegetables, canned food *
	38	Unspecified (closed cars)
	29	Leave train, approx. 1000 men, accompanied by women
8 April	41	German automobiles, new
	38	Iron plates and frames, barracks parts
	37	Agricultural equipment
	41	Cellulose *
	83	Unspecified (closed cars)
9 April	84	RR tracks
	42	Barracks parts, and lumber
	30	Textiles *
	34	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	RR tank cars, guarded
	37	RR cars, new, loaded
	40	Cable drums, small machines, crated
	41	Iron casts and iron parts
10 April	30	Military personnel and dependents, approx. 1100, much luggage
	47	Paper, cellulose fabrics *
	81	Unspecified (closed cars)
	40	RR cars, new, loaded
	37	RR ties
11 April	38	RR tracks
	40	Sugar *
	39	Textiles *
	34	Unspecified (closed cars)
12 April	30	German automobiles, new
	44	Large cement mixers
	37	Iron plates, iron parts, barracks parts
	37	Canned food, dehydrated vegetables *
	41	Unspecified (closed cars)
	30	Soap products, candles *
	42	Glassware *
	30	RR tracks
	42	RR tank cars, guarded
	31	Military personnel, approx. 1000

The military transports were assembled in Frankfurt/Oder and were made up of men going to Russia on furlough; among them was an unusually large number of officers.

In the past, eastbound trains had been accompanied by a few guards only, never exceeding 20 men. It was, however, observed that the number of guards on the above listed transports had been increased to 50 to 70 men.

*These trains included varying numbers of closed cars whose contents could not be determined.

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2. During the same period, 76 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
31 March	32	Prisoners of war, approx. 1300
1 April	29	Military personnel, approx. 800
2 April	37	Prisoners of war, approx. 1400
3 April	28	Military personnel, approx. 700
4 April	111	Prisoners of war, approx. 5000
6 April	27	Military personnel, approx. 700
	34	Prisoners of war, approx. 1100
8 April	29	Military personnel, approx. 500
	34	Prisoners of war, approx. 1200
10 April	30	Military personnel, approx. 800
11 April	40	Prisoners of war, approx. 1400

The military transports consisted of men returning from furlough in Russia.

3. Between 6 and 15 April 1948, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
6 April	116	Scrap iron
7 April	54	Cement
	48	Lumber
9 April	54	Scrap iron
10 April	25	Mostly officers and dependents, a few PW, much luggage
	58	Scrap iron
11 April	50	Parts for iron bridges
12 April	54	Iron parts, mainly large iron pipes,
14 April	114	Scrap iron
	54	Lumber
15 April	52	Cement
	53	Barracks parts

During the same period, 11 empty trains returned from Insterburg and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany. In addition, there was one train carrying refugees from East Prussia to Pasewalk.

4. Between 3 and 11 April, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
3 April	29	Wooden houses
6 April	24	Potatoes and grain
11 April	18	Textiles

5. Between 3 and 15 April, the following troop transports passed through Zossen to destinations listed below:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
3 April	22	Engineering troops with construction material	Torgau
6 April	26	Light mortar (or rocket-projector?) section, equipped with about 60 mortars	Wuensdorf
7 April	36	Approx. 50 light and medium tanks	Luckau
8 April	18	Engineering troops, accompanied by approx. 20 pontoons	Witterberg
10 April	28	Motorized infantry	Golssen
14 April	8	Small prime-movers for planes	Klotzsche
15 April	6	Two-motored airplanes, app. 10	Klotzsche

In addition, one train of 16 cars, carrying approx. 400 civilian internees, passed through Zossen on their way from Oranienburg to Sperenberg.

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[redacted] approximately 1500 motorized troops, equipped with three-axle vehicles suitable for cross-country travel and one detachment of approximately 30 heavy tanks, coming from the direction of Koenigswusterhausen, moved on their own power through Zossen on their way to Muensdorf. It is alleged that maneuvers are being held in the Muensdorf-Zehrensdorf-Neuhof-Toepchin area.

6. Between 2 and 10 April, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Guben and Forst:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports
2 April	12	Tank gears and chains
4 April	8	Insulation material
5 April	10	Motorcycles, new, approx. 500
8 April	16	Planing machines, new
	16	Trucks suitable for cross-country travel, new
10 April	8	Seamless 100 mm pipes, and tops
	9	Insulation material

7. Between 4 and 13 April, the following transports of military equipment and troops moved through Elsterwerda to the destinations listed below:

Date	No. of Cars	Description of Transports	Destination
4 April	12	German light mortars, overhauled	Cottbus
7 April	8	Airplane motors and spare parts	Klotzsche
	14	Spare parts for planes	Klotzsche
	22	Engineering troops, approx. 200 men, with equipment	Riesa
8 April	24	Engineering section, approx. 300 men, with equipment for the construction of emplacements	Torgau
9 April	14	Airplane motors, repaired	Klotzsche
13 April	22	Antiaircraft section with approx. 20 medium long-barreled guns	Klotzsche
	26	Technical troops and signal platoons, approx. 600 men	Oschatz

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